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Examiner	Witz
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### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

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### FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS				X \$ 18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS				X \$ 86 =	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					
Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					<b>\$420.00</b>

- A check in the amount of \$ 420.00 is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.
- In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

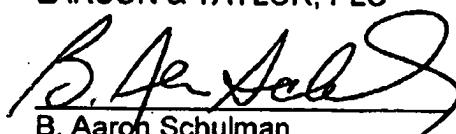
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

**Remarks to this Amendment** are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

**Formal drawings** which should be substituted for the original drawings filed in this application are submitted herewith.

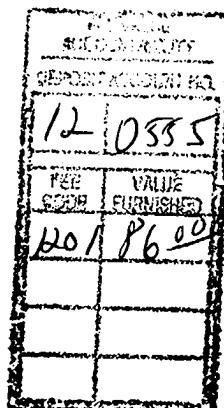
Allowance of the present application is sought for the reasons as stated in the attached Remarks.

Respectfully submitted,  
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